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1. AVIACO FLIGHT 118, A CARAVELLE CARRYING 79 PASSENGERS AND A CREW OF SIX, CRASHED ON LANDING APPROACH NEAR LA CORUNA AIRPORT MORNING OF AUG 13. THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS. AVIACO REPRESENTATIVE MADRID CONFIRMED U.S. CITIZEN FRANCISCO PEREZ FERENANDEZ ON BOARD AIRCRAFT, BRINGIN TOTAL U.S. VICTIMS TO SEVEN. LIST OF VICTIMS AS FOLLOWS:

A. LT ARTHUR T. KNEWE, U.S. ARMY. NOK NOTIFIED BY USAF.

B. SGT CECILIO PEREZ, U.S. ARMY. NOK NOTIFIED BY USAF.

C. MR. ANDREW VINCENT KARDISH. DPOB JAN 29, 1921, PAINT, PA. EMPLOYEE PHILCO FORD GERMANY UNDER DOD CONTRACT. NOK WIFE LEONA R. KARDISH, 250 COWBELL ROAD, WILLOW GROVE, PA. 19090 NOTIFIED BY COMPANY REP.

D. WILLIAM JOSEPH BENZ, DPOB JUNE 25, 1921, PHILADELPHIA, PA. EMPLOYEE PHILCO FORD GERMANY UNDER DOD CONTRACT. NOK WIFE MARGARET BENZ, 8313 BRIDLE ROAD, PHILADELPHIA PA. NOTIFIED BY COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE.

E. PHILIP A. GUGLIOTTA, DPOB FEB 13, 1953, VIRGINIA. SISTER, MRS. JAMES WILLIAM LEE PRESENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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LA CORUNA, NOTIFIED BY AVIACO.

F. MR. FRANCISCO PEREZ, NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN,
BORN CUBA. WIFE, MRS. HELEN PEREZ, NOW IN LA CORUNA
NOTIFIED.

G. MR. FRANK CASAL, DPOB SPAIN AUG 20, 1922.
PASSPORT K661805 ISSUED NEW YORK MAY 12, 1969. NOK
WIFE, MRS. MARY CASAL, 31-77 32ND STREET, ASTORIA,
QUEENS, N.Y. WAS IN LA CORUNA AT TIME OF ACCIDENT AND
NOTIFIED BY EMBASSY AND AVIACO.

2. TORREJON MORTUARY TEAM TRAVELED LA CORUNA AUG 14
AND IDENTIFIED U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL AND TWO CIVILIANS,
KARDISH AND BENZ. REMAINS OF SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIANS
NOW IN TORREJON AIR BASE FOR PREPARATION AIR RETURN TO
DOVER. GUGGIOTTA IDENTIFIED BY BROTHER-IN-LAW IN
LA CORUNA WHO PLANS AIR RETURN REMAINS U.S. CASALS
IDENTIFIED BY WIFE AND BURIED LOCALLY. OF U.S. VICTIMS
ONLY FRANCISCO PEREX UNIDENTIFIED.

3. ON AUG 15 LOCAL AUTHORITIES ORDERED BURIAL ALL
UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS IN ACCORDANCE HEALTH LAWS. EMBASSY
UNDERSTANDS BURIAL PROVISIONAL AND PARTS VICTIMS INTERRED
IN SEPARATE RECORDED PLOTS TO FACILITATE EXHUMATION SHOULD
IDENTITY OF ANY OF REMAINS BE FEASIBLE LATER DATE.
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